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**REQUEST
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/032,893
<i>Filing Date</i>	February 27, 1998
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Bieser <i>et al.</i>
<i>Art Unit</i>	1428
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Juska, C.
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	19133.0029U2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed:

i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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b. Other – Courtesy Copy of Pending Claims

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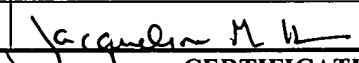
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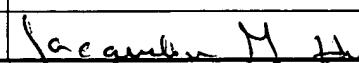
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